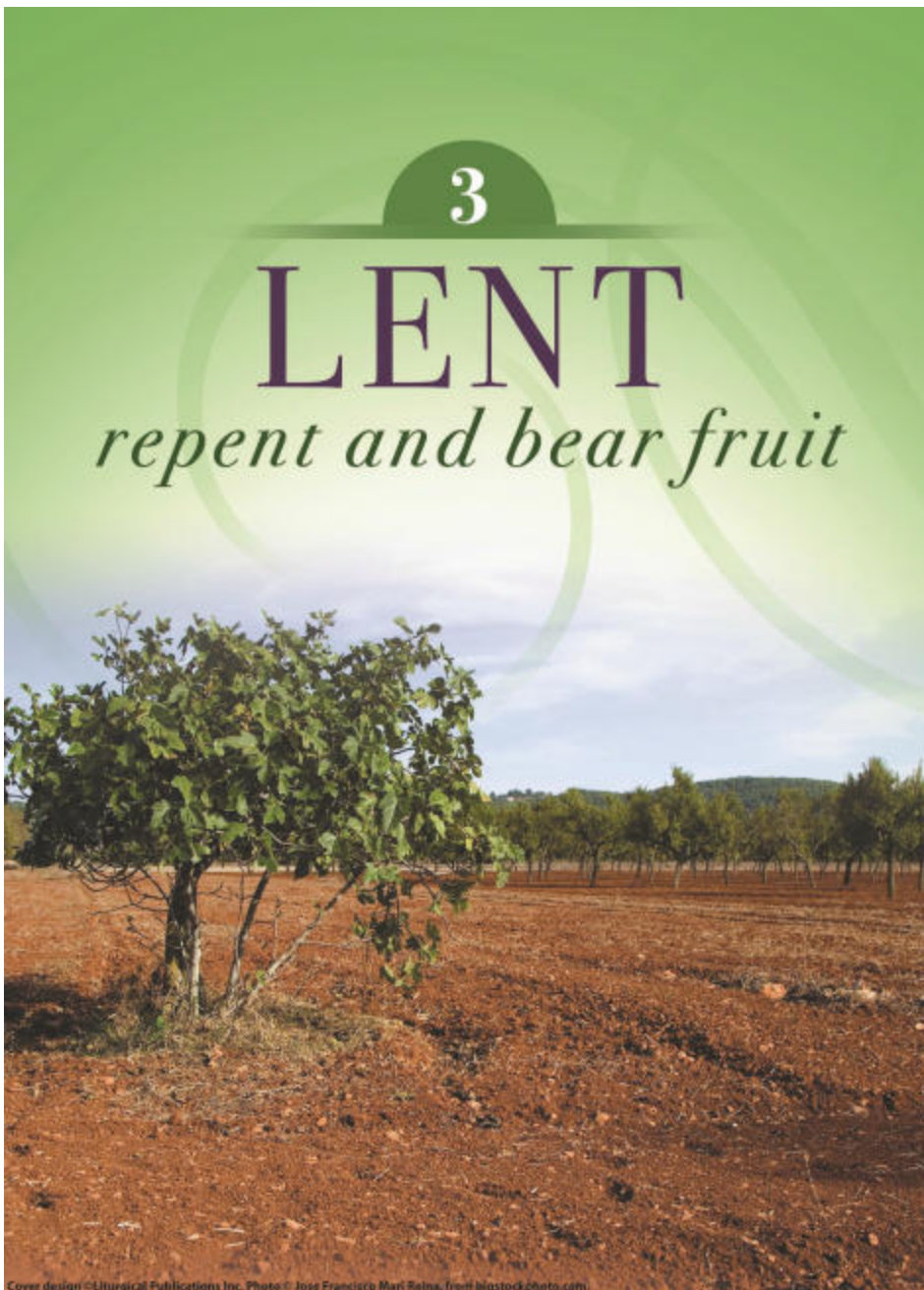




**March 24, 2019**



### **Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Catholic Church strives to be a living and growing community of prayer, support and service formed by the Gospel. In our lives we try to live out these Gospel values in our Catholic heritage and pass them onto the upcoming generations. In the spirit of Jesus we try to reach out to those among us who are in need of our support and care within our parish and beyond.

### **Parish Information**

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Lebanon St. Joseph's Catholic Church

The St. Joseph Parish welcomes new residents, visitors and McKendree students. We are glad to celebrate Eucharist with you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office to register.

When changing address, please notify the parish office.

## Readings

### Readings for the Week of March 24

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Ask Jesus what He  
wants from you and  
Be Brave

~Pope Francis



## Liturgical Ministers

### Wednesday, March 27, Communion Service at Lebanon Care

Dcn. George, Sue Cobb & Diane Prather

### Sunday, March 31, 10:30am

**Readers** Glenda Norris/Rachel Pehle  
**Presenters** Bill & Diane Prather  
**Communion** Vonderharr Team  
**Servers** William Nordmann & Grace Ware

## Last Week's Offering & Mass Attendance:

March 17 - 99

### General Fund:

Envelopes	\$1467.00
Loose	\$136.25
<b>This week's total:</b>	<b>\$1478.25</b>
Ash Wednesday	\$25.00
Catholic Relief Srv.	\$140.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>

Parish's weekly income need is \$3,250 and is based on FY 17/18 expenses.

## Liturgy Schedule

### St. Joseph and Corpus Christi Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
Sunday	9:00am	Corpus Christi
Sunday	10:30am	St. Joseph
Sunday	6:00pm	Corpus Christi

(Mass Intention)

**Monday, Mar. 25** 8:30am **Mass**, (Johanna Streif)  
**Wednesday, Mar. 27** 8:30am **Mass**, (Joe Christ)  
10am Communion Service, *Lebanon Care*  
**Friday, Mar. 29** 8:30am Communion Service  
**Sunday, Mar. 31** 10:30am **Mass**, (Pat Rodriguez)

During Lent, we will have Mass on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30am, with Fr. Margason presiding.

With the Easter Season upon us, all Cemetery decorations are to be removed, per cemetery regulations. If you wish to keep any decorations placed at a family grave, please do so by the end of TODAY.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, March 27

~SVdP Clothes Sort, 9am, Parish Office Garage

~Lenten Journey, begins at 6:30pm with a simple meal, Hall

### Friday, March 29

~Fish Fry, 5-7pm, Hall

### Sunday, March 31

~SVdP Meeting, 9am, Hall

## Faith Formation

**LENTEN JOURNEY** Join Fr. Jim for a talk on the topic of Lenten Practices and Holy Week tradition, March 27 and April 3, at 6:30pm, in the hall. The evening begins with a simple meal.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** The Church will be open on Fridays during Lent, from 2-6pm, for anyone wishing to pray the stations. A program will be available for use. An audio is also available through our website. With your smartphone you may listen to the stations and follow along with the program, or choose to pray them quietly to yourself.



Pat Carver	Anthony Fairlie
Christina Fairlie	Rich Garcia
Johnnie Jones	Margaret Rowan
Fr. Steve Humphrey	

*Please keep in prayer all the sick, especially those living with chronic health issues, the homebound and those who cannot be with us today.*

### Please Pray For

Those serving in our military, especially Paige Buechele, Garrett Carson, Christian Collins, Jackson Collins, Matthew D'Amico, Aliyah Hicks and Michelle Prather; and all deployed military personnel and DOD civilians.



St. Joseph Men's Club invites you to join them during Lent to work and to enjoy the **Fish Fry, every Friday, 5-7pm, at the Hall.**

Please take note of the Friday you have been assigned to work, and arrange for a switch if you should have a conflict. Invite your family and friends to come too! The fish and fixins are delish!

**PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** During the month of March, children from the PSR classes will provide baby bottles for donations. This year, the children are collecting for Pregnancy Care Center in Belleville. Please take a bottle to make a donation, or fill with your spare change over the coming weeks. Donations will be gladly accepted through April 7.

**MEN OF THE PARISH** Are invited to share Christian fellowship by attending the Corpus Christi Men's Group Meeting, **Monday, March 25, 7-9pm, in the Parish Center, Shiloh.** There will be a short presentation (30 min.) on Elder Care/Estate Planning followed by a Q & A session. Pizza and drink will be provided.

**ST PAUL UCC CHICKEN DINNER** All you care to eat dining in Fellowship Hall, or drive thru, Sunday, April 7, from 11-3. Adults: \$11; Child (Age 10 & under) \$5; Under age 2: Free.

**Spring Clean-Up Day  
Saturday, April 13, 8am-Noon**

The weather is warming and the grounds are greening! Sign up to help tend the beds and rake the dead leaves. Your help and your tools will be welcome, even if you can only work an hour.

**Cemetery Donations**

Our Cemetery Committee recently sent letters to parishioners explaining the discontinuation of the raffles, due to failures in bridging the gap between expenses and income from the Perpetual Care funds.

With that being said, we humbly request parishioners, and those with loved ones buried in our hallowed grounds, to please consider giving an annual donation to help offset the care and maintenance costs.

As always, we appreciate your willingness to help keep our blessed cemetery pristine.

**The 2019 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...**

Blessed to receive, chosen to give

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2019 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on "Giving to the Diocese") Your generosity supports 15 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people.

**Drawdown 2019**

Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Drawdown & Silent Auction will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon on April 27. Contact Barry Copelin, 632-9316, or via email [bcopelin@charter.net](mailto:bcopelin@charter.net) for a ticket (a ticket includes admission and catered dinner for two and a chance to win \$5,000). Tickets are \$100 each and only 150 will be sold. Tickets paid for by March 27 will be eligible for the early bird drawing.

If you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction and/or prize package or would be able to help at the Drawdown, please contact Rita Christ, 537-2367, or Donna Weil, 973-1942.

Catholic Rice Bowl  
Encountering Lent

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

*Encounter The Dhathcroos Family*

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



**Bunny Hop for Canned Goods  
Sunday, March 24 (TODAY!)**

**2:45-5:30pm**

McKendree University students will be going door to door to collect canned food & non-perishable items to donate to Matthew Ministries. Feel free to leave them on your doorstep!

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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